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Regarding: Michael J. Mullane
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For SNOW STOP

"AF" Amendment

Attention: Mail Stop AF -- Art Unit 3635
Examiner Jennifer I. Thissell
Supervisory Examiner Carl D. Friedman

Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450:

I certify that this correspondence is facsimile-transmitted
to the Patent and Trademark Office (703 872 9327) on 16 OCT 2003:

Christopher John Rudy: Christopher John Rudy 16 OCT 2003.

Thank you for the 08/15/2003 Office action (Paper No. 6) for
the patent application of reference. In reply to Paper No. 6,
please reconsider and further examine the present application,
and amend the present specification as set forth herein.

Submitted herewith is a Second 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration.
Examiner Thissell is thanked for agreeing to consider it as under
final status as she left in a telephone message of this Oct. 6th.

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS begin on the following sheet. Claims 1-3
and 9-25 remain present. Since twenty total including three
independent claims remain, no fee for these claims is due. The
present amendments are fully supported by underlying written and
pictorial parts of the specification. See, e.g., pages 8, lines
4-6, and 9, lines 5-6, and FIGS. 1-26. No new matter is added.

Presuming for the sake of argument that the final status of
Paper No. 6 is proper, this amendment may be entered because it
places the case in condition for allowance or in better form for
consideration on appeal, or reduces appeal issues. No additional
consideration nor search is needed. However, the final status of
Paper No. 6 is traversed. The April 21, 2003 Amendment did not
necessitate the new grounds of rejection. For one example, the
amendments to claim 1 were in previously examined claims: cross-
hatch grooves, claims 2, 8; adhesive ventilation, claim 7; "glue
rivets," claim 8. As well, newly rejected claims 18-20 and 25
are merely re-presentations of original, previously examined
claims 4-7. The art applied in Paper No. 6 could have been
applied in Paper No. 4. Please, thus, withdraw the final status,
enter this amendment, and consider the accompanying declaration.

Please act upon the fresh Form PTO-1449 substitute filed on
April 21, 2003. No such acted-upon form accompanied Paper No. 6.

FURTHER REMARKS additional to the foregoing introductory
arguments, comments and requests follow the CLAIMS AMENDMENTS.

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